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HOMEMAKERS' CHAT

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SUBJECT: "Don't Be Greedy"...Information from the Information Services, Production and Marketing Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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One day a man went to the nest of his goose and found a golden egg. At first he thought someone was playing a trick upon him, but he decided to take it home...where he found that it was really an egg of pure gold.

Every morning the same thing happened...and he soon became rich by selling his eggs. But...as he grew rich...he grew greedy...and thinking he'd get at once all the gold the goose could give...he killed it...and opened it...only to find...nothing.

He spent the rest of his life regretting that his greed had overreached itself.

Since V-J Day...and the rising amounts of commodities which were once scarce...the American people have been able to buy many things...which could be considered a golden egg of a kind.

Most important of all...they have been able to get some kinds of food, and other supplies which were formerly scarce.

Meat counters...for example...are a joy these days...and the supply of fats and oil is also larger than formerly. The American people are beginning to feel rich again...as far as their supply of some food commodities is concerned.

But Mrs. America should profit from the experience of the man with the goose that laid the golden egg. That doesn't mean that she shouldn't buy what she needs...but it does mean that she should continue to save used fats and oils. Don't be greedy with them.

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America still needs them for the production of tires, electrical appliances, nylon stockings, automobiles, telephones, upholstery, and many other peacetime commodities. Saving used fats and oils...and turning them in to the butcher... will help speed America into full swing of postwar production.

Industrial fats are still not in adequate supply...for civilian consumers to get all the products manufactured that they would like. This situation won't change until South Pacific shipments begin to move in volume.

Until that time...when supply and demand come into balance...it is important to keep on saving used fats.

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